(b) whether the Ministry of Defence is also playing any role in providing financial assistance for its construction work, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action being taken by Government for the implementation of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) The work of gauge conversion of Saharsa Jn.-Forbesganj and Sakari-Latkaha Bazaar-Nirmali section was included in the Supplementary Budget 2003-04 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 355.81 cr., to be funded through defence funds. Ministry of Defence has not provided any funds during 2004-05. The matter is being pursued with Ministry of Defence for providing funds during the current year. Final location survey has been completed and detailed estimate is under process.

Ongoing Railway Projects in Tamil Nadu

3996. SHRI E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of ongoing railway projects in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the amount spent, so far, on each project;

(c) the amount earmarked for each of the project during 2005-2006; and

(d) the progress of each ongoing project as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) A statement is attached.

(Rs. in crores)

Sl. No.	Name of the project	Anticipated Expenditure upto March, 2005	Outlay 2005-06	Status
1	2	3	4	5
NEW LINE				
1.	Bangalore-Satyamangalam	0.36	0.01	Final location survey for 207 kms has been completed. On the balance length, survey is under process.

1	2	3	4	5
2.	Karuu-Salem	70.06	2	Earthwork and bridge works are in various stages of progress. Litigations regarding land acquisition in Salem and Namakkal area are also being attended to.
GAUGE CONVERSION				
1.	Madurai-Rameshwaram (161 kms)	56.81	25	On this project, work on Madurai-Manamadurai (48kms) has already been completed. Work on the balance section is in progress and Manamadurai-Mandapam (96 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
2.	Trichy-Manamadurai (150 kms)	21.04	50	Work on minor bridges and ballast collection are in progress and other works are also being initiated. Work on Tiruchchirappalli-Pudukottai (52 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
3.	Quilon-Tirunelveli-Tiruchendur & Tenkasi-Virudhunagar (357 kms)	170.33	31	On this project, work on Virudhunagar-Tenkasi has already been completed and commissioned. Works on the balance sections *i.e.* Quilon-Tenkasi and Tenkasi-Tiruchendur are also in progress. Quilon-Punalur section is targeted for completion during 2005-06.

1	2	3	4	5
4.	Tiruchchirappalli Nagore-Karaikal (156 kms)	23.62	4.79	On this project, work on Tiruchchirappalli-Thanjavur section has already been completed and commissioned. Thanjavur-Thiruvarur section is planned for commissioning during 2005-06. On Nagapatinam-Vailankani section, earthwork, minor bridges and station buildings works are in progress.
5.	Villupuram-Katpadi (161 Kms)	5.04	10	Earthwork and bridge works are in progress.
6.	Thanjavur-Villupuram (192 kms)	66.6	50.01	On this project, work on Thanjavur-Kumbakonam has already been completed and commissioned. Kumbakonam-Mayiladuturai (32 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06. This work is being implemented by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd. (RVNL).
7.	Cuddalore-Salem *via* Vridhachalam (191 kms)	65.85	85	On this project, work on Vridhachalam-Cuddalore (57 kms) has already been completed and commissioned. Vridhachalam- Attur (83 kms) is targeted for completion during 2005-06. This work is being implemented by RVNL.
8.	Mysore-Chamarajanagar (Phase-I) with extension to Mettupalayam	52.49	16.54	Extension of Rail line from Chamarajanagar to Mettupalayam falls in Tamil Nadu which is yet to be sanctioned. Survey report is being updated.

1	2	3	4	5
DOUBLING				
1.	Madurai-Dindigul (Excl. Ambaduturai-Kodaikannal Road (47.49 kms)	3.22	15	Final location survey has been completed.
2.	Irugur-Coimbatore (17.70 kms)	15.18	1	Work on Coimbatore-Coimbatore North has already been completed and commissioned. Works are in progress in the balance length.
3.	Attipattu-Korukkupettai 3rd line (18 kms)	20.29	20	Earthwork and bridges are in progress between Korukupet and Ennore (12 kms) and this section is targeted for completion during 2005-06.
4.	Pattabiram-Tiruvallur-4th line (15.06 kms) & Tiruvallur-Arakkonam—3rd line (26.83 kms)	31.01	15.80	Work on Pattabiram-Tiruvallur 4th line has already been completed and commissioned. The 3rd line work between Tiruvallur and Arakkonam is being implementation by RVNL.
5.	Chennai Beach-Korukkupet-3rd line (4.1 kms)	45.23	10	This work is being implementation by RVNL.
6.	Chennai Beach-Attipattu-4th line (22.1 kms)	5	10	This work is being implementation by RVNL.

1	2	3	4	5
7.	Ambaduturai-Kodaikannal (14.56 kms)	206	2.21	Preliminary arrangements are being made to take up the work
MTP PLAN HEAD				
1.	Tirumailai-Vellacherry—Ph. II (11 kms)	225.05	3.39	Track works have been completed from Tirumailai to Taramani (7.91 kms) and the section between Tirumailai and Tiruvanmiyur (5.95 kms) has been opened for passenger traffic. Works are in progress to complete balance works.
2.	Chennai Beach-Tambaram gauge conversion (116 kms)	197.35	3.02	Chennai Beach - Tambaram-Chengalpattu sections have already been opened. Construction of ROBs/RUBs in lieu of existing level crossing is in progress. Clearance of Government of Tamil Nadu has been sought to commence the work.
RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION				
1.	Tambaram-Villupuram & Chengal-pattu-Arakko-nam (197 RKM)	30.06	1	Work completed except Takkokam-Arakkonam (7 RKM) to be executed alongwith diversion work.